Deposits in Post Offices

†1924. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers have to face a lot of difficulties in the withdrawal of the amount deposited at the Post Offices in rural areas as a result of which the percentage of amount deposited in the same has decreased; and

(b) if so, the rectifying steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED): (a) No. Sir. The farmers do not face any difficulties in the withdrawal of the amount deposited at the Post Offices in rural areas. The percentage of amount deposited as rural savings has shown a fluctuating trend in the past three years.

(b) Rural savings are encouraged by:

(i) Allotment of specific targets to field units to mobilize deposits, which are being monitored.

(ii) Widespread publicity of POSB schemes through small saving drives in rural areas/Media Post/Local Dailies/Radio/TV Pamphlets/ Brochures/Local Dak Mela/Puppet Shows/ 'Bal Bachat Yojana' for school children in rural areas/Small Savings Agents etc.

(iii) Motivational Savings Bank Training is imparted to postal staff, Branch Postmasters, Gramin Dak Sevaks to educate the villagers about the different small savings schemes available in the Post Office and guiding them on investment.

Appointment on compassionate grounds

†1925. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has discontinued providing Government job to the dependents of the deceased on compassionate grounds;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the number of persons provided Government job on compassionate ground during the last two years, State-wise;

(d) whether Government are aware of the fact that some applications are pending in Ajamgarh and Sultanpur districts of U.P. since last 2-3 years and reports in this regard have also been sent to the Ministry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, district-wise and by when all the dependents of the deceased will get the jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Three persons each have been provided jobs on compassionate grounds in D/O Telecom and Department of Information Technology respectively whereas 161 persons have been provided Government jobs on compassionate grounds in the Department of Posts. State-wise details are given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(d) Yes, Sir. There are three applications of Ajamgarh District pending in the circle in Department of Posts. However, no application of Sultanpur District is pending for consideration. Report in respect of one of the three cases of Ajamgarh District has been received in the Department of Posts.

(e) Details of all three applicants of Ajamgarh District are given in the Statement-II (*See* below). The cases of all the three applicants will be considered by the prescribed committee of UP Circle of Department of Posts along with other such cases of UP State within the prescribed ceiling of 5% of Direct Recruitment vacancies after clearance of vacancies by the Screening Committee for 2005.

Statement-I

State-wise details of compassionate appointment in Ministry of Communications and Information Technology during the Last 2 Years

Sl. No.	Name of State	Number of appointments given	Department
1.	Delhi	3	Department of Telecom
2.	Delhi	3	Department of Information Technology
3.	Assam	8	Department of Posts
4.	Andhra Pradesh	8	Department of Posts
5.	Bihar	Nil	Department of Posts
6.	Chhattisgarh	2	Department of Posts
7.	Delhi	8	Department of Posts
8.	Gujarat	14	Department of Posts
9.	Haryana	2	Department of Posts
10.	Himachal Pradesh	2	Department of Posts
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	Department of Posts
12.	Jharkhand	4	Department of Posts
13.	Karnataka	14	Department of Posts
14.	Kerala	16	Department of Posts
15.	Madhya Pradesh	3	Department of Posts
16.	Maharashtra	Nil	Department of Posts
17.	Goa	Nil	Department of Posts
18.	Meghalaya	6	Department of Posts
19.	Tripura	5	Department of Posts
20.	Manipur	5	Department of Posts
21.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	Department of Posts
22.	Nagaland	4	Department of Posts
23.	Mizoram	Nil	Department of Posts
24.	Orissa	7	Department of Posts
25.	Punjab	7	Department of Posts
26.	Chandigarh	6	Department of Posts
27.	Rajasthan	9	Department of Posts
28.	Tamil Nadu	Nil	Department of Posts
29.	Uttar Pradesh	26	Department of Posts
30.	Uttaranchal	3	Department of Posts
31.	West bengal	Nil	Department of Posts
32.	Sikkim	Nil	Department of Posts
	TOTAL	167	

Statement-II

Details of pending cases of compassionate appointment

Sl.No.	Name of District	Number of cases	Department
1.	Ajamgarh	3	Department of Posts
2.	Sultanpur	Nil	

1. Shri Anand Kumar Chaubey
   S/o Late Shri Bhoop Narain Chaubey, Ex-PA, Ajamgarh.
2. Shri Ranjit Singh
   S/o Late Shri Mangla Prasad Singh, Ex-PA Ajamgarh.
3. Shri Shahid Khan
   S/o Late Shri Afzal Ahmed, Ex-PA, Ajamgarh.

Bandwidth requirement

1926. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the bandwidth requirement in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what is the annual percentage of increase in bandwidth in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that BSNL is planning to procure up to 155 Mbps of international internet bandwidth to meet the requirements of India's internet as well as broadband services; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED): (a) and (b) The bandwidth is require for connecting various service provider's networks, inter-circle connectivity of networks, international connectivity of networks and point to point as well as point to multipoint requirements of individuals, business houses etc. It can be provided through various routes and media. For this purpose various types of licences have been granted and these licences plan their network based on the requirement and business plan. Therefore, the concept of bandwidth requirement in the country may not be easily quantifiable.